GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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PROTECTION OF ANIMALS IN ZOO
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Experts for inspection of Zoos` appearing in The Hindu dated July 21, 2000;

(b) if so, whether an expert group has made recommendations to the Government to conduct inspection of zoos all over the country to know the health status of animals there;

(c) if so, the details of recommendations made by expert group and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Central Zoo Authority has blamed the experts on appaling state of affairs in Zoos;

(e) if so, whether the Government have any monitoring programme to check the guidelines by the CZA has complied with;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and
(g) the funds allocated to State Government for protection of animals in zoos?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) & (c) Ministry of Environment and Forests has decided that a group of experts would inspect the major zoos all over the country and submit their report to the Ministry.

(d) No Sir.

(e),(f) & (g) Central Zoo Authority has reiterated the guidelines and the stipulations required to be complied by the zoos in the country. During the year 1999-2000, Central Zoo Authority has released Rs.1073.58 lakhs to 21 Zoos in different States of the country.